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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A molded coupling lens, for use in an optical pickup apparatus, comprises: a first surface including a first optical surface, a second surface located opposite to the first surface and including a second optical surface, and a flat surface section provided substantially in parallel with a plane including an optical axis of the molded coupling lens so as to connect the first surface and the second surface. An outer peripheral shape of the first optical surface is a circle.

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